



Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Potential 2010 Issues

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Business Area (BA) Key					
CC	Clean City	HL	Historic Landfills	NF	New Facilities
CPD	Collection, Processing, Disposal	HW	Hazardous Waste	WP	Waste Prevention
FO	Facility Operations	LOB	Line of Business -wide		

* Topics will be adjusted as the year goes on to allow for emerging topics as well for time and SWAC interest

Topic*	Description	SWAC Role	When	Actual	BA
SPU's Updated Strategic Outlook re Solid Waste	Solid Waste Director presents highlights of updated strategic outlook (3-6-20 year) at 1 st meeting to launch the year.	Briefing/orientation.	1Q		LOB
Rate Increase & Adopted 2010 Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on rate increase, projected revenues 2010. Debrief budget ultimately adopted by City Council--what initiatives didn't survive and how we'll move on. 	Most likely briefing. Chance of options for SWAC review and recommend.	1Q		LOB
"Heavy" garbage rate.	2009 SPU studied the potential and feasibility of a higher collection rate for waste usually heavier than average, usually from organics (like from restaurants). To increase the incentive to sign up for organics service.	Review study and options SPU is reviewing. Proved feedback, indicate preferences.	1Q		CPD
SWAC Committee Operations 2010	How the committee will operate 2010, re: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecology expectations for SWACs Recording and communicating comments & advice. Structuring to get the work done, e.g. sub-committees. 	Discuss and decide.	1Q		LOB
SWAC meet with new mayor	Perhaps at joint CAC meeting Feb/Mar. Communicate to the new Mayor existence of SWAC and solid waste issues important to them,	Initiate and attend conversation with the new mayor.	1Q		LOB
SWAC meet with city council environmental cttee	Communicate solid waste issues important to SWAC and desire to work cooperatively.	Initiate and attend conversation with the council committee.	1Q		LOB
Rate Study for 2011+	Adopted biennial solid waste rates are good through 2010. The next rate study will look at issues and potential adjustments for the next rate period.	Review and comment on issue papers. Write comment letters for rates package proposed to mayor and then city council.	1Q - 2Q		LOB

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Changing the name of SWAC	"Solid waste" doesn't generally imply to the general public the committee's work on reduction, reuse, recycling and stewardship. Does the SWAC want to champion a name change? What are the pro's and con's?	Discuss and decide	1Q		LOB
Joint CAC annual meeting	Annual all-CAC meeting arranged by SPU.	Attend in numbers. Learn SPU issues. Communicate SWAC issues.	1Q		LOB
Climate Action Agenda	How much will continue under new mayor.	Ask new mayor directly about this. Ask staff for briefings for how it's going in 2 nd half of year.	1Q and 4Q		LOB
Clear Alley Program	How is this program going, especially re messes, diversion changes.	Briefing	1Q		CPD
South Park Landfill Agreed Order	SPU and other potentially liable parties negotiated with Ecology on a cleanup plan for the old South Park Landfill (next to South Transfer Station).	Briefing on the order and cleanup plan.	1Q		FO
Education opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bringing new members up to speed. Special speakers, symposia 	Determine interests and ways to satisfy those interests. Make arrangements.	TBD		LOB
Construction & Demo Debris –Facility Certification	C&D Processing Facility Certification (Gabriella)	Comment on Proposed Process and Standards	1Q		CPD
Construction & Demo Debris – Hybrid Deconstruction	Hybrid Deconstruction Facility Overview and Recommendations (Joel)	Assist with Recommendation	1Q		WP and CPD
Construction & Demo Debris – Programs for the future	Review results and final SPU recommendations for C&D recycling programs based on Recycling Potential Assessment (RPA) (Gabriella)	Comments	1Q		CPD
Product Stewardship Legislation Support	Looking ahead to legislation creating product stewardship programs for mercury containing lighting and unwanted pharmaceuticals that will be introduced again. Briefing will help SWAC plan ahead.	Plan what SWAC will do in support.	1Q (Jan)		WP
North and South Transfer Station Rebuilds	-Conceptual plan forums. -Meet & greet with design/build contractor. -Periodic general updates.	-Comment on RFP submittals -Participate in conceptual plan forums -Briefings	1Q 2Q 3Q 4Q		NF
Reports from the trenches	Hearing from the folks who deliver our services – their take on what the issues are, how it's going. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer service (phones, transition 	Briefings	1Q 2Q 3Q		CPD FO

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	experience, common customer issues) • Transfer stations • Recycling processing plant (Allied)		4Q		
Electronics collection	How is it going: our curbside, state plan	Briefing	2Q		CPD
Waste Motor Oil	How is curbside program going.	Briefing	2Q		CPD
New recycling programs	How is it going with the new materials collected starting 2009.	Comments on progress	2Q		CPD
Commercial Composting	How is it going.	Briefing	2Q		CPD
Every Other Week Garbage Collection	Large scale pilots @ mid-2010	Comments	3Q		CPD
Multi Family Food Waste	Update re increasing multi-family organics participation (Marcia).	Briefing	TBD		CPD
Quick-serve restaurant composting and recycling report	July 1, 2010 deadline for restaurants to switch to compostable serve-ware. Report to SWAC will cover how the advance work has been going, where we are meeting resistance.	Briefing	2Q		WP
Organics processing, alternative processing	Evaluation of Organics Processing Alternatives (Gabriella and George ?)	Comments	4 Q		CPD
Ecology solid waste WAC (350) review	Overivew of Process and Issues (Gabriella and George – DOE's schedule unknown)	Formal Comments to DOE	3 rd – 4 th Q		CPD
Annual Recycling Report to Council	A draft of the 3 nd annual recycling report to council will need review by SWAC in May.	Review report, feedback for improvement. Letter to include with report to Council.	2Q		LOB
Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan	SPU will be in full swing updating its Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan.	Review and provide feedback as needed during development. Review drafts and provide feedback.	TBD		LOB
Tonnage Updates	Mid-year tonnage trends.	Quarterly briefing.	2Q 3Q 4Q		LOB
	Briefings as interest and time allow:				